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Dear Ms. Hesse:

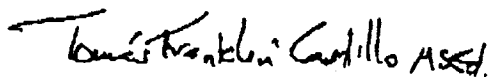
I believe it is time for the federal courts to bring an end to the Microsoft case!

Although I am not fully sympathetic to Mr. Bill Gates, I do believe that Microsoft has abused its role, acting as a monopoly. It appears, however, that the Federal government, as well as a number of state governments, including North Carolina, have concluded that the proposed settlement would protect against these monopolistic practices.

Prolonged litigation has no positive effect for the consumer, or for our country, especially in light of recent tragic events. If the settlement achieves its stated goal, which I feel is providing a fair and reasonable solution to both sides in this dispute, then the courts should act speedily, approve it and go on.

I appreciate the opportunity to be heard on this important matter, as well as your attention to my letter.

Sincerely,

 Thomas Franklin Cardillo ASed.